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SUBJECT: EVALUATION OF RFE AND RL OUTPUT

1. TONY SHUB OF BIB TELEPHONED GILMORE MARCH 10 TO DISCUSS
EVALUATION OF RFE AND RL PROGRAMMING BY U.S. EMBASSIES IN
USSR AND EASTERN EUROPE.

2. IN COURSE OF LENGTHY CONVERSATION, GILMORE MADE FOLLOWING
POINTS:

(A) CONGEN'S RELATIONS WITH RFE AND RL MANAGEMENT ARE
QUITE GOOD BUT CONGEN IS NOT RPT NOT PROPER CHANNEL TO EM-
PLOY TO REQUEST THAT RADIOS UNDERTAKE MAJOR TASKS, SUCH
AS THOSE ENTAILED IN EVALUATION REPORTS, WHICH MAKE VERY
CONSIDERABLE DEMANDS ON THEIR RESOURCES;

(B) SUCH REQUESTS SHOULD BE MADE VIA NORMAL RADIO
CHANNELS, I.E. VIA RFE/RL PRESIDENT SIG MICKELSON AND HIS
STAFF;

(C) CONGEN IS ALWAYS READY TO EXTEND FACILITATIVE ASSIS-
TANCE TO RADIOS AND BIB;

(D) EVALUATIONS OF RFE AND RL BROADCASTING WHICH
ARE NOT RPT NOT BASED ON CLEAR APPRECIATION OF RADIOS'
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MISSION, AS SET FORTH IN PL 93-129 AS WELL AS THEIR IN-

TERNAL POLICY GUIDELINES MIGHT NOT RPT NOT BE VERY USEFUL TO BIBI AND, MORE IMPORTANTLY COULD HAVE NEGATIVE EFFECT ON ALREADY UNSETTLED SITUATION IN RFE;

(D) APRIL 1 DEADLINE FOR EVALUATION IS NOT RPT NOT FEASIBLE IF RADIOS ARE EXPECTED TO PROVIDE ENGLISH TRANSLATIONS OF A VERY SIZEABLE NUMBER OF SCRIPTS AND THESE TRANSLATIONS ARE TO BE POUCHED BY CONGEN TO USSR AND EE POSTS.

3. SHUB INDICATED THAT BIB WOULD SEND LETTER TO MICKELSON REQUESTING RADIOS' ASSISTANCE IN THE EVALUATION PROJECT.PETERSON

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